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Roasting ears are plenty.

H. Lutschg left this week again for the strip.

W. R. Bunting wants to be representative.

C. N. Johnson took in Pawnee Rock on Thursday.

The lawn mower is a good thing—push it along.

Miss Georgie Hulme visited in Hutchinson last week.

Mrs. Anna Parker is back from her trip to the mountains.

The republican political pot is boiling and slopping over.

Mrs. C. W. Murphy, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Poverty will not stalk in the county this year, but corn will.

Captain Francis has been appointed city attorney of Hoisington.

Albert Allison rejoices. A fine boy came to his house last week.

S. Gano went to Rush county last week to look after his cattle.

Charley Patterson is here from Oklahoma on a visit to his family.

Mother Bickerdyke will attend the Rush county soldiers' reunion.

This is the time of year when ice is just what it is cracked up to be.

Joseph Schneider of near Albert was in the city Tuesday on business.

Miss Belle Brown went to Kinsley Saturday for a six weeks vacation.

R. E. Mabry, representing the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, was in town on Saturday.

Mark Heynes and John Lindas of Pawnee Rock were down on business Thursday.

Mr. Schwier of the Heizer creamery, accompanied by his wife, was in town on Monday.

Isn't it queer that a person can get anything in this town on Sunday except a shave?

Fred Steckel and his mother, Mrs. F. A. Steckel, were up from Ellinwood last Thursday.

W. W. Hickman of Seward, one of the solid men of the south side, was a caller last week.

Mrs. Stillman, who visited with A. M. Button, returned home to Genoa, Neb., on Monday.

C. E. Young of this township is up from the strip. The harvest down there was meagre.

Grant Dickinson, the Apollo of the foothills, came in from La Junta last week on "business."

A. H. Hoskins of the Norcaten Register dropped in to see us Saturday on his way east overland.

Rube Charles has purchased the Flanley property and will occupy the same about August 1st.

Arthur Curry and wife, five miles north of town, rejoice in the arrival of a fine girl at their home.

Guy Verbeck was down from Union township Sunday, making a short visit to his uncle, Will A. Rush.

Fine showers Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights did a world of good and practically insured a corn crop.

George Gano, the handsome republican candidate for county clerk, was down from Pawnee Rock Friday.

Will Feder has purchased the Fryberger property, south of Myron Gillmore's, and moved in on Tuesday.

We hear of much petty thieving in town. Harry Shore and Charley Allison have had harness stolen lately.

Keep your troubles to yourself, for when out tell them you are taking up the time of the man who is waiting to tell his.

For the benefit of those who want to know the meaning of the phrase in the sieve we will say that it means in French "find a sickle"—and cut weeds.

Eugene Tilleux of Tribune, editor of the Western Homestead, was one of our callers on Friday.

Mrs. Sam Quinn is away on a visit and Mrs. Crume Pegan and daughters are keeping house for Sam doing her absence.

The DEMOCRAT job room has been taxed to its utmost capacity the past week. Good work at honest prices is our motto.

Suppose you should die and be in arrears to the DEMOCRAT, where do you suppose you would go? We shudder to think of it!

The DEMOCRAT wants your next order for job printing. We deliver work when promised and guarantee satisfaction. Our prices are always right.

Notwithstanding the evident desire of both parties to handle the liquor question carefully, the rush for drinks at the candidates expense continues.

Henry Huttman rode up from Ellinwood on his wheel last week. We are glad to learn that his father, Colonel Huttman, has about recovered from his illness.

Tobias B. Unruh, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Benjamin J. Unruh. The estate's personal property will be sold at public auction on August 21.

Prof. J. R. Bickerdyke of Russell was elected to the principalship of the Kansas Wesleyan college last week. He is reputed to be one of the foremost educators of the west.

Jim Dalziel came over from Clafin Monday evening to "help a friend" in the First ward republican caucuses. Jim never forgets a friend and hardly ever forgives an enemy.

Jake Deal was down from the north side Tuesday. He says there is going to be an abundance of the fruits of the earth over there this season if the clouds do not roll by too soon.

Andy Powelson is figuring on getting two crops of potatoes this year. He has just harvested a crop planted the latter part of April, and thinks the second crop may be made before frost.

John Tilton is attending a reunion of the family at Des Moines, Iowa. It has been forty years since all the members of the family had met, and we can well picture the joy of the occasion.

The water company is doing much to improve the service in this city. In places where the dirt had blown off of the pipes they have been lowered, and drains put in at each hydrant to prevent freezing.

Say, you Great Bend foggy merchant, did you ever hear anyone accuse John Wannamaker of being a fool? Yet he spends \$700,000 a year for advertising, and the man who writes his ads gets \$15,000 a year.

Garden City Imprint: "Fred Mims now rides a wheel. Miss Lizzie Ghoering came up from Great Bend, where she had been attending school, the first of the week, and was the guest of the Misses Pearce."

About as neat an establishment in the bakery and restaurant line as our town has ever seen has been opened at the old Bakhaus stand by J. H. Jackson, formerly of Larned. L. L. Dudley is his baker.

Are the commercial club people making any effort to secure the annual encampment of the state militia? The state military board has been looking for a place, and Great Bend should reach out after it.

Mrs. Althea Briggs-Stryker made a trip to Kansas City last week. At Topeka a Journal reporter was granted a whole column interview. The fair goddess of reform seems to be very popular at Topeka.

It seems hard for some people to get over the hard times. You should remember that as times get better the mechanic and laboring man should get better pay. Justice will not ask, "What is the least you will work for?" but rather, "What is the best I can pay?"

In the district court on Monday Mrs. Tressie Ely was granted a divorce from Tom Ely, without alimony. The six children are to be divided equally between the parents.

Rev. S. E. Busser will hold Episcopal services at the church building west of the postoffice, on Broadway, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject will be "Aaron's Rod." All are cordially invited to attend.

State Superintendent E. Stanley of Topeka was in the city on Tuesday to look into the matter of dividing school district No. 46, in Washburn precinct, Liberty township, and forming a joint district with Stafford county.

Union church service at the park next Sunday evening, conducted by Rev. S. E. Busser. Subject, "The Deceitful Heart." Larger and more comfortable seating arrangements have been made and everybody is cordially invited.

A customer dropped in the other day and said he had discovered why it was so hard for some men to learn to ride a bicycle. Their heads are so swelled that there isn't room for them between the saddle seat and the blue dome of heaven.

Will Gould and Axel Weimergren on their wheels split the early morning mists in the direction of McPherson on Wednesday of last week. Axel says the boys may talk about his wheel being a "Studebaker," but it gets there just the same.

The 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Os Wood, residing north of town, died last Saturday, from summer complaint. The funeral occurred on Sunday from the family home. The parents have the sincere sympathy of all in their great affliction.

Charles V. Brinkman returned last week from a month's visit to Wisconsin and Michigan. He says he saw no rain while away, and that dust was several inches deep at many places. He still thinks Kansas not the worst place in the world.

The management of the DEMOCRAT are willing to meet their country friends half way and issue a receipt for subscription upon receipt of anything in the line of spring chicken, potatoes or garden sass. And we can get out the best local paper in Kansas on this diet.

Out of seventy-eight applicants for teachers' certificates in Rush county 14 per cent failed. Five got first grade, nineteen second grade and forty-two third grade. Among the successful ones we find the name of Clarence Oneal, son of Charley Oneal, formerly of Pawnee Rock.

The case of the First National bank of Great Bend against the First National bank of Larned came up for argument on a motion to dissolve a garnishment on J. W. Rush, at Larned last week. C. A. Swartz represented the Great Bend bank and succeeded in having the motion overruled.

We were called upon this week to decide a wager. One man claimed the pestiferous little chigger was an insect and the other thought it a small species of thorn. Under the microscope the chigger resembles a wood tick and has a meat augur longer than the diameter of its body. O, yes, it's an insect.

The DEMOCRAT job rooms turn out artistic and up-to-date work. We have the only new style job faces that have come to Great Bend in ten years. When we get through with your work it doesn't have the appearance of having been set up out of the hell box, inked with the office towel and printed by sitting on the form.

Sam Stover of Independent township announces as a republican candidate for register of deeds in the Clafin Leader of last week. Sam is a good citizen, as republicans go, and that we cannot look forward to the pleasure of having him as a resident of Great Bend is to be regretted. Henry Klein, the democratic incumbent, will hold the office for two years yet, anyway.

All the singers of Great Bend should come out to the practice Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church to prepare for the union service on Sunday evening. Let each one come and bear his share of the responsibility in making the service of song a grand success.

Ness City News: "Volney Miller, who has been attending school at Great Bend, returned to this place Monday. The Grand Army posts of LaCrosse and Rush Center have made arrangements to hold a reunion at Kennedy's grove, near the latter place on August 25th and 29th."

The annual school meetings will be held to-day. The teachers are already applying for schools and some of them for as many schools as they can, expecting to get their choice of the lot. The practice of applying for so many schools causes the impression that there is a surplus of teachers, and there is a corresponding difference in wages.

Lyons Democrat: "Rev. Aiken, a former pastor, filled the M. E. pulpit last Sunday, in place of Rev. Enyeart, who is in California. The mail on Saturday brought to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood of the Democrat the gratifying intelligence that Mrs. L. B. Tebbe, their daughter, had a fine son at her home in Great Bend. Mrs. Tebbe is our youngest child, being born at Dakota City, Humboldt county, Iowa, July 3, 1871."

William Broeser has accepted a position as manager of the dry goods department of the large business of the Crescent Coal company, at Albuquerque, N. M., and will go down this week to commence his duties. His family will continue to reside in Great Bend. This takes him out of the race for register of deeds on the republican ticket, and it is a fortunate thing for him, too, because Henry Klein, the democratic register of deeds, is going to succeed himself.

When the west bound passenger train steamed into the depot Saturday night Governor Morrill was on board, en route to Dodge City. When he heard the music of the band and the cheers of the 500 people who were there to welcome the ball team on their return from a triumphal tour, the governor put it down as an expression of "public sentiment" in his behalf. Judge Nimocks was on hand, however, and prevented the governor from making another official blunder.

We were much surprised Sunday to find \$85 on the road beside the hedge at the corner of a prominent farmer's place; and more surprised to find that it had been laying there over a year unmolested and was beginning to look much the worse for exposure. The money was in the shape of a header, and will have to be replaced with another before another season unless it is cared for better. If we had the money that is lost yearly by neglect of farm machinery we would not be running a newspaper.

Two badly soiled doves, giving the names of Lillie Carlton and Jennie Holmes, accompanied by two pimps known as John Smith and A. E. Dilley went into camp east of town Friday night. On Saturday morning they were arrested on a charge of adultery and locked up. The case came up for hearing before Justice Ogle on Tuesday, and there being a defect in the papers the county attorney dismissed the case. They were subsequently re-arrested, committed to jail, and will have another hearing today.

Mrs. William Weimert died at her home in Buffalo township, seven miles northwest of Great Bend, on Tuesday, aged 60 years. She had been in ill health for some time with kidney trouble, but her case was not considered serious. She became worse shortly after breakfast Tuesday morning and died at 11 o'clock. The funeral services were held at the Dunkard church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A husband and five children are left to mourn her death.

While J. Rasor, the popular Missouri Pacific agent, was at the key in the telegraph office the other night a tramp stole his coat in the next room. The section men found the garment the next day north of town. The Weary Willie found a dozen bread tickets in one of the pockets and cashed them before leaving town.

The county normal will begin next Monday with a full corps of instructors. W. W. Kilpatrick will conduct, ably assisted by E. E. Morrison, C. M. Lockhart and Mrs. Belle M. Wood. The chief object of this institute will be to give such training as is needed in a model school. In these days of progress, the spirit of the times demands a more thorough preparation for the work in the school room. The institute will give actual instruction in subjects to be taught as well as in principles and methods of teaching.

Our ball team was given a royal reception Saturday night upon their return from McPherson and Florence. They were met at the train by the band and about 500 of their admirers and escorted to the park, where a speech was made by D. A. Banta and each player presented with a beautiful bouquet, prepared by the ladies for the occasion. Much enthusiasm prevailed, and the sentiment universally expressed was that Great Bend will back her club against any all home combination in Kansas for money, marbles or chalk.

The republican city primaries on Monday evening resulted in a smash of the slates in the First, Second and Fourth wards. The First ward was presumably fixed for Will Spencer, but gave a delegation for Lute Aber and Ed Hotchkiss for sheriff. The Second ward instructed its delegation for A. Laidlaw and Frank Kramer, the ward candidates for sheriff. The Third ward chose an agreed delegation for Billy Cone for sheriff and George Thatcher and M. B. Fitts for clerk. Remarkable as it may seem, the Fourth ward had no candidate.

Here in Great Bend we have a great and flagrant violation of law that needs attention. We refer to the gangs of blasphemous and profane loafers that squat around on goods boxes and railings and use language that would put a South sea pirate to blush. We have heard the different phases of the "joint" situation discussed in language so horrible that the business of joint keeping appears respectable in contrast. And this, too, by people who consider themselves "respectable."

The DEMOCRAT's corps of correspondents have added much to the interest of the paper, and their efforts will be as greatly appreciated by the present editors as they were by the former editor. This paper proposes to maintain its record of being the best local paper in the county, and we hope to have every locality represented in its columns. The addressed envelopes furnished by Mr. Stoke can be used just the same as formerly. Those of the correspondents who have used up their supplies can be resupplied by notifying the publishers.

The Beacon man and several others have given the new management of the DEMOCRAT complimentary mention, which we shall reproduce next week. We shall, however, take the liberty to cut out the Beacon's insinuation that the editor is a republican. The fact that the senior editor of this paper was holding the same position ten years ago this month; that he was repeatedly a democratic delegate while at Pawnee Rock and a member of the democratic county central committee; that he was elected township trustee at Pawnee Rock on the democratic ticket in 1888; that he was a delegate to the Missouri democratic convention in 1891 from the Tenth ward, Kansas City; that he conducted a democratic paper in Kansas City up to the time he came to Great Bend, should not prevent the boys from having their little joke.